

[CHAPTER 650]

AN ACT

December 1, 1942

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[Public Law 778]

U. S. Military Academy and U. S. Naval Academy.
10 U. S. C. § 1091a;
34 U. S. C. § 1036a.

Increase in number of cadets and midshipmen.
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Appointments.

Provided.

Authorizing appointments to the United States Military Academy and United States Naval Academy of sons of soldiers, sailors, and marines who were killed in action or have died of wounds or injuries received, or disease contracted in active service, during the World War.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the second paragraph of the Act of June 8, 1926, entitled "An Act to establish a department of economics, government, and history at the United States Military Academy, at West Point, New York, and to amend chapter 174 of the Act of Congress of April 19, 1910, entitled 'An Act making appropriations for the support of the Military Academy for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1911, and for other purposes'" (44 Stat. 704), be, and the same is hereby, amended to read as follows:

"That the number of cadets now authorized by law at the United States Military Academy, and the number of midshipmen now authorized by law at the United States Naval Academy, are each hereby increased by forty from the United States at large, to be appointed by the President from among the sons of officers, soldiers, sailors, and marines of the Army, Navy, and Marine Corps of the United States, including members of the Army Nurse Corps (female) and Navy Nurse Corps (female) employed in the active service by the War Department or Navy Department, who were killed in action or have died, or may hereafter die, of wounds or injuries received, or disease contracted, or preexisting injury or disease aggravated, in active service during the World War (as defined by existing laws providing service connected compensation benefits for World War veterans and their dependents): *Provided*, That the determination of the Veterans' Administration as to service connection of the cause of death shall be final and conclusive and shall be binding upon the Secretary of War and Secretary of the Navy, respectively."

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Transportation of personnel engaged in war effort.

Acquisition of equipment.

Operation.

To provide for furnishing transportation for certain Government and other personnel necessary for the effective prosecution of the war, and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That whenever during the continuance of the present war the Secretary of War, the Secretary of the Navy, or the Chairman of the Maritime Commission shall determine that the effective conduct of the affairs of his department or agency in connection with the prosecution of war requires assured and adequate transportation facilities to and from their places of employment for personnel attached to or employed by such department or agency, including personnel attached to or employed by private plants engaged in the manufacture of war material, he is hereby authorized in the absence of adequate private or other facilities to provide such transportation, by motor vehicle or water carrier, subject, however, to the following provisions and conditions:

1. The equipment required to provide such transportation facilities may be either purchased, leased, or chartered for operation by the War Department, the Navy Department, or the Maritime Commission, and when so obtained may be maintained and operated either by enlisted personnel, civil employees of the War Department, the Navy Department, or the Maritime Commission, or by private personnel under